

parsimony to that department of her happiness which is dependant upon the issues of commerce? The reason is obvious. The Judiciary is so palpably associated with the security and preservation of the dearest rights of the citizen, that the humblest affections are enlisted in its behalf. The Courts of Justice constitute the revealed bulwarks of our lives, properties and peace. The benefits and blessings flowing from them are so widely and munificently diffused over the land, as to render them an attractive source of affection and regard to the people. Each individual in the land is aware that his own rights may, on some future day, become the subject of judicial investigation, and he also knows that if this branch of our Government was lopped off, that the best hope of a free country must perish with it; and even if left in a neglected condition, that the shades of political night must descend upon its destinies. The essentiality of the judiciary to the preservation of our best interests is palpable to the most superficial observer, for its benefits duly pass in review before us; for this reason, the Judiciary has received more liberal encouragement and efficacious supports from the Legislature than any other subject of its control.

Not so with Commerce. Its benefits are precious we are certain, and they seize the soul of man with a commanding and captivating influence where they once pass in array before them. Commercial prosperity, like virgin gold, preeminent learning, and I may add, like pure religion, is prized where its sweets are once tasted; and we may infer from example, that where its exhilarating banner has once been unfurled, that it will float in glory forever, unless some great moral degeneration shall blight the energies of the people possessing it; for, without its facilities, no other interest can prosper. But, sir, the causes which produce commercial prosperity are not so familiar to the plain citizens of this community, as are the fountains of justice. They cherish the Courts of Justice because they are there enabled to judge of the intimate relationship which subsist between cause and effect. They see a law violated and the offender punished. They see the right of property invaded and the injury repaired in damages; and they see there spread out in charming relief the whole apparatus by which the darling hopes of the citizen are supported and sustained. It is not at all astonishing under such circumstances, that the patronage of the State should descend in greater profusion upon the Judiciary than upon any other object of Legislative concern.

But, sir, the machinery of commerce appears more complicated to a people purely agricultural. Its sources are investigated only by men of reading and speculation, and by those who have acquired an enlarged acquaintance with the history of this and other States. Gentlemen of eloquence and attainment who have visited other States, and there surveyed the magnificent results of unfa-